NREGA funds pilfered in U.P.

2416. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 1320/- crores fund has been paid to Uttar Pradesh Government till date towards implementation of NREGA;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to an NGO in Uttar Pradesh 60 per cent of the NREGA funds in the State of Uttar Pradesh has been pilfered;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) the action proposed by the Ministry for those who are involved in pilfering of funds meant for poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) A sum of Rs. 1239.32 crore has been released by the Centre for implementation of NREGA in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) No such report has been received in the Ministry.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

Funds released under NREGA

2417. SHRI VUAY J. DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released to each State Government during 2006-07 under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and how much amount has been spent;

(b) whether an audit report has prepared by volunteers from Delhi and Allahabad universities, relating to Jharkhand given specific examples of rampant corruption in implementation of this scheme;

(c) the steps taken to plug such loopholes; and

(d) whether the envisaged objective under NREGA has been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) A Statement giving requisite data is enclosed *{See* below).

(b) In the Social Audit of Projects done in Jharkhand, volunteers from Delhi and Allahabad had participated. Report on the outcomes of the audit done has been shared with the State Government.

(c) Central Government is monitoring the implementation of the Act on regular basis. Periodic review meetings are undertaken by Minister of Rural Development and Secretary (Rural Development) from time to time. National Level Monitors and Area officers of the Ministry visit various districts to oversee the progress of the